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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF JOSE PATRICIO AND MARIA ACUNA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5688

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED LIDIA ACUNA AS REQUESTED REFTEL. SHE INFORMED US THAT HER PARENTS ARE AT THE GUARDIA DE INFANTERIA REFORZADO, SANTA FE AND ARE IN POOR HEALTH. MRS. ACUNA HAS SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND IS NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HER PHYSICIAN; MR. ACUNA'S BLOOD PRESSURE IS EXTREMELY HIGH.

2. DAUGHTER WAS ABLE TO TELL US ONLY THAT "SOME KIND OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDING" IS UNDERWAY AND THAT THEY ARE AWAITING A VERDICT FROM THE FEDERAL JUDGE IN SANTA FE. HER BROTHER, JOSE ACUNA, IS ADVISING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONTACT THE JUDGE DIRECTLY TO REQUEST MR. AND MRS. ACUNA'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE. THE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO DR. MIGUEL ANGEL QUIRELLI, JUZGADO FEDERAL, 9 DE JULIO 1693, 3000 SANTA FE.

3. MS. ACUNA REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY CONTACT HER BROTHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE CASE. HIS ADDRESS IS VERA 2871, 3000 SANTA FE, AND HIS PHONE IS 21806.

4. DEPARTMENT HAD SOME DIFFICULTY CONTACTING MS. ACUNA AS SHE HAS CHANGED HER ADDRESS AND PHONE. NOW THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN REESTABLISHED, WE WILL CHECK WITH HER REGULARLY FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE. SHE WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY'S HELP. CHRISTOPHER

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